

Application No. 09/610,630

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REMARKS

A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the required fee of \$110.00 are being supplied herewith.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-42 are subject to restriction. Specifically, the Examiner has required restriction of Claims 1 through 18 and 26 through 35 to a first invention, and claims 19 through 25 and 36 through 42 to a second invention.

Amendments to the claims have been made such that original claim 19 is now dependent on claim 1, and original claim 36 is now dependent on claim 26.

Consequently, claims 1 through 25 are method claims directed toward the first invention and claims 26 through 42 are apparatus claims, essentially of the same scope as method claims 1 through 25, directed toward the first invention.

Therefore, since all the claims in this application are now directed to the same invention, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is now believed to be moot.

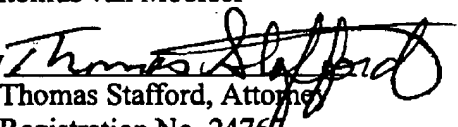
Claims 31, 32, 34, 35, 38, 39, 41 and 42 are apparatus claims have been currently amended to substitute "means for" for the originally recited "step of".

Claims 1 through 42 remain in this application.

In light of the above, it is believed that this application is now in condition for Examination. Therefore, examination of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

If there are still outstanding issues to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call applicants' attorney, Thomas Stafford, at 727-772-4173 so that those issues may be discussed and satisfactorily resolved.

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